

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Villa, on March 12, 2009 at 8:00  
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Amy Carlson, OBPP  
Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary  
Nancy Hall, OBPP  
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch  
Suzan Scott, OBPP  
Jim Standaert, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 645

Executive Action: None

00:00:04 Chairman Villa  
00:01:00 Sen. Peterson  
00:01:21 Chairman Villa

**Presentation by the Office of Public Instruction**

00:02:15 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public  
Instruction (OPI)

**EXHIBIT(jeh55a01)**

00:08:41 Sen. Peterson  
00:09:15 Ms. Juneau  
00:11:52 Chairman Villa  
00:11:53 Ms. Juneau  
00:16:42 Rep. Glaser  
00:16:55 Chairman Villa  
00:17:19 Sen. Peterson  
00:17:51 Ms. Juneau

**Comments from Legislators:**

00:18:01 Chairman Villa  
00:18:23 Rep. Taylor, HD 11  
00:19:40 Chairman Villa  
00:20:03 Rep. John Fleming, HD 12  
00:22:15 Rep. Glaser  
00:22:43 Chairman Villa  
00:22:47 Rep. Franke Wilmer, HD 64  
00:24:07 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8  
00:29:45 Rep. Sue Dickenson, HD 25  
00:30:08 Chairman Villa  
00:30:22 Rep. Dickenson  
00:34:45 Rep. Wanda Grinde, HD 48  
00:37:09 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:37:44 Rep. Steenson  
00:38:14 Chairman Villa

**Public Comment:**

00:38:28 Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Board  
Association

**EXHIBIT(jeh55a02)**

00:43:13 Martin Tuttle, Chief Counsel, Department of Commerce  
00:50:19 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:50:36 Mr. Tuttle  
00:51:16 Sen. Barrett  
00:51:34 Mr. Tuttle  
00:51:46 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:52:06 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:52:18 Ms. Hall  
00:53:13 Ms. Wilkinson  
00:53:27 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators  
of Montana  
00:54:31 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

**EXHIBIT(jeh55a03)**

00:57:27 Matthew Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council  
01:00:47 Kirk Miller, Superintendent of Schools, Bozeman Schools

**EXHIBIT(jeh55a04)**

01:09:12 Steve Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Bozeman  
Schools  
01:11:40 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Schools  
01:20:27 Rep. Paul Beck, HD 59, Red Lodge  
01:22:20 Chairman Villa  
01:22:25 Rep. Beck  
01:22:38 Dave Puyear, Executive Director, Montana Rural  
Education Association  
01:27:51 Terry Kendrick, Montana Indian Education Association  
01:29:38 Chairman Villa  
01:30:13 Ms. Wilkinson  
01:31:05 Chairman Villa  
01:33:05 Ms. Wilkinson

**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

01:33:37 Chairman Villa  
01:33:44 Sen. Hawks  
01:34:17 Chairman Villa  
01:35:31 Sen. Hawks  
01:35:40 Chairman Villa  
01:36:10 Sen. Peterson  
01:36:47 Chairman Villa  
01:36:55 Sen. Peterson  
01:37:00 Chairman Villa  
01:37:02 Sen. Peterson  
01:37:35 Chairman Villa  
01:37:41 Sen. Peterson  
01:37:53 Chairman Villa  
01:37:57 Sen. Peterson  
01:38:19 Mr. Melton  
01:39:58 Sen. Peterson  
01:40:05 Mr. Melton  
01:41:23 Chairman Villa  
01:41:55 Mr. Melton  
01:42:18 Rep. Glaser

**EXHIBIT(jeh55a05)**

01:44:56 Jim Standaert, LFD  
01:45:40 Chairman Villa

01:45:45 Ms. Wilkinson

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a06\)](#)

01:46:21 Recess

02:12:01 Resume

**Presentations by Individual Agencies:**

02:12:51 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation  
Works Program

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a07\)](#)

02:20:23 Mr. Ferro

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a08\)](#)

02:23:06 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association

**Public Comments:** None

**Questions from the committee and responses:** None

02:25:55 Chairman Villa

**Presentation by Higher Education:**

02:26:29 Steve Barrett, Montana University System

02:34:49 Sheila Stearns, Office of Commissioner of Higher  
Education (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a09\)](#)

**Public Comments:**

02:44:34 Chairman Villa

02:44:50 Rep. Dick Barrett, HD 93

02:51:16 Rep. Dave McAlpin, HD 94

02:52:22 Mary Sheehy Moe, OCHE

02:57:45 George Dennison, President, University of Montana

03:04:58 Frank Gilmore, Chancellor, Montana Tech, University of  
Montana

03:07:47 Craig Roloff, Montana State University

03:13:30 Ron Sexton, Chancellor, Montana State University -  
Billings

03:20:23 Joe Schaffer, Acting CEO, Montana State University,  
Great Falls College of Technology

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a10\)](#)

03:26:11 Susan Davis Briggs, University of Montana-Western

03:29:06 Daniel Bingham, Dean/CEO, University of Montana-Helena

[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a11\)](#)

03:36:01 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College

03:39:37 Stefani Hicswa, Miles Community College

03:41:29 Mr. Ferro

03:44:39 Maureen Wieland, Associated Students of Montana State  
University

**Questions from the committee and responses:**

03:45:58 Sen. Peterson  
03:46:44 Chairman Villa  
03:46:54 Sen. Peterson  
03:48:21 Mr. Barrett  
03:50:16 Sen. Peterson  
03:50:35 Mr. Barrett  
03:52:59 Sen. Hawks  
03:54:04 Mr. Barrett

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:54:26 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a12\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a13\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh55a14\)](#)**

Additional Documents:

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh55aad.pdf\)](#)**